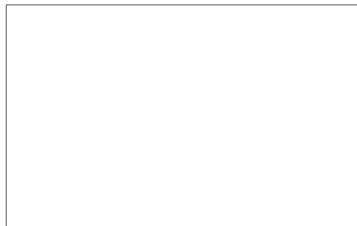


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One of the nicest things about promotions is that they tend to trigger kind words from old friends. Thank you so much for your note. I appreciate it.

 the National Intelligence Council is the unit that produces the national estimates. These products are unique in that they reflect the coordinated judgment of the entire U.S. Intelligence Community. The danger, of course, is that one brings everybody on board by dropping judgments to the lowest common denominator. Bill Casey has worked hard to change the estimates so that they highlight differences among the participants and explain why judgments vary. This makes the estimates much more useful to policymakers.

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 still enjoying life in Washington. Holler if you are ever down this way.

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herbert".

Herbert E. Meyer
Vice Chairman

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